

Exchange With Reporters During a Luncheon With Business Leaders

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White House Travel Office

Q. [*Inaudible*—members of your staff in the Travel Office scandal? Is part of this inquiry going to consider—going to be a chance of shakeups because of the event?

The President. Well, I would like it on the record that one of the things they did was to figure out how to save—how to do the same work with less than half as many people and save you 25 percent on your first flight. I keep hoping I'll read that somewhere in these accounts. I think that ought to be accounted for. I was—the press complained to me repeatedly about being gouged by the White House Travel Office. I kept hearing it everywhere. So we put it out on a competitive bid and saved you 25 percent.

Now, if it wasn't handled right, we'll get to the bottom of it, and we'll straighten that out, and it will be handled right. That's what Mr. McLarty worked on yesterday. And we will do what is appropriate, follow the "do-right rule," and go forward. I don't have anything else to say about it.

Ross Perot

Q. Mr. President, as you meet with these CEO's, your—I put this in quotes—one of your "favorite business guys," Mr. Perot, has been sniping at you again. He told David Frost that you don't have the background or the experience for the most difficult job in the world. How do you deal with this kind of talk from him?

The President. You deal with it. [*Laughter*]

Q. He said you were doing things the Arkansas way.

The President. Well, we know he doesn't like my State. But he spent several million dollars to bad-mouth it last—and it doesn't have much to do with America. We're going to just keep working.

NOTE: The exchange began at 12:25 p.m. in the Old Family Dining Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Announcement of White House Fellows

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The President today appointed 17 men and women from a variety of backgrounds and across the country to be the 1993–94 class of White House fellows.

White House fellows are a select group of men and women who spend a year early in their career serving as paid assistants to the President, Vice President, or Cabinet-level officials. This class will begin their fellowship year in September. They were selected by a commission appointed earlier this month by the President. It was chaired by Nancy Bekavac, the president of Scripps College.

"This is a group of people of exceptional abilities, strong motivation, and a commitment to serve their country," said the President. "I look forward to their service and am confident they will join the successful ranks of such White House fellowship alumni as General Colin Powell and Secretary Henry Cisneros."

The individuals chosen for this year's fellowships are:

Paul T. Anthony, Washington, DC
 Suzanne Rose Becker, Bolton, MA
 Christopher Frank Chyba, Ellicott City, MD
 Jami Floyd, Oakland, CA
 W. Scott Gould, Topsfield, MA
 Kevin Vincent Grimes, Mountain View, CA
 Suzan Denise Johnson Cook, Bronx, NY
 Michael Nathaniel Levy, Washington, DC
 Gaynor McCown, New York, NY
 Barbara Paige, New York, NY
 Raul Perea-Henze, New York, NY
 Leslie Ramirez, Evans, GA
 Maj. David Rhodes, USAF, Glendale, AZ
 Reginald L. Robinson, Lawrence, KS
 Martha E. Stark, Brooklyn, NY
 Todd Ulmer, San Francisco, CA
 Maj. Roderick Von Lipsey, USMC, Philadelphia, PA

NOTE: Biographies of the White House fellows were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.